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NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC RELEASE OF DECISIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION December 15, 2004

As a result of the passage of Act 175 by the South Carolina General Assembly on February 18, 2004, the Public Service Commission is making the transition to a quasi-judicial body whose primary function is to rule on matters involving regulated utilities in South Carolina. The members of the Public Service Commission are now governed by the Code of Judicial Conduct as contained in Rule 501 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

In most circumstances, the Code of Judicial Conduct prevents members of the Commission from making public comments about the substance of pending cases, except when acting in the course of their official duties. **Therefore, the members of the Public Service Commission will generally limit their comments regarding pending cases to on-the-record proceedings. They will not be able to comment on decisions to reporters in press conferences or in individual interviews.**

The Public Service Commission recognizes that its decisions affect the state's consumers and are often matters of general public interest. The Commission also wants to be responsive to the needs of the media. Therefore, when appropriate, the Commission will prepare and disseminate an unofficial summary of its decisions and make this document available to the public. These summaries will be of an informative nature, and will avoid commentary.

The Public Service Commission's staff will also be available to answer any requests that members of the media may have for copies of documents and pleadings filed with the Commission, and provide other information when appropriate. **Please direct all inquiries to Charlie Terreni, Chief Clerk and Administrator, at telephone number (803) 896 5133, or at Charles.Terreni@psc.state.sc.us.** The Commission appreciates your cooperation and understanding regarding these new procedures.

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